GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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FOOD PARK SCHEME
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to revise the guidelines for the Food Park Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up more Food Technology Parks/Food Processing Parks in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(e) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;

(f) the time by which these parks are likely to be set up; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to promote Food Parks in hilly areas especially at tourist spots where tourism is primary activity?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) to (g) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 149 FOR 8TH MARCH 2007 REGARDING FOOD PARK SCHEME

(a) to (g): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, with a view to make available Infrastructural facilities to processing units, has been assiting development of Food Parks under its Plan Schemes @ 25% of project cost in general areas and 33.33% in difficult areas, subject to maximum of Rs. 4.00 crore, for provision of common facilities such as power supply, water supply, cold storage, warehousing facilities, effluent treatment plant, food testing analytical laboratories, common processing facilities etc.

Based on review of the existing scheme, experience gained and feed back received from the industry, the Ministry has proposed a new scheme of Mega Food Parks in the country which is envisaged to be a well defined agri/horticultural processing zone containing state of the art processing facilities with support infrastructure and well established supply chain. The proposed scheme aims to provide a mechanism to bring together farmers, processors and retailers and link agricultural production to the market so as to ensure maximization of value addition, minimize wastages and encourage demand driven cluster-based farming ensuring long term economic sustainability for farmers. The scheme is under consideration/consultation for inclusion in the X I Five Year Plan. It is tentatively envisaged to support 30 Mega Food Parks, spread across the country at locations to be determined through feasibility studies, during the XI Plan period on approval of the scheme. Out of Rs. 250 Crores expected for the Financial Year 2007-2008, Rs. 100 Crores is proposed for infrastructure development including Food Parks / Mega Food Parks. The projects are proposed to be set up in Public Private Partnership mode.

The Ministry, under its existing scheme has approved assistance to 54 Food Parks in the country. Out of these, 3 Food Parks in the hilly state of Jammu & Kashmir and 6 in the North Eastern Region. The Food Parks are intended to cater to the infrastructural requirements of the food processing sector and do not directly cater to tourism per se.